

THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL'S LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

PURPOSE

The Legislative Committee will protect and promote the Judiciary's interests regarding new laws and initiatives. It will defend and/or advance the Judiciary's interests by determining and implementing the most effective strategy for doing so given the political climate and other factors impacting the current landscape. The Committee members rely on collective institutional knowledge, history, and political experience.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITY

The Legislative Committee will review and analyze legal and policy implications and how they affect the Judiciary. It also will serve as a clearinghouse for all legislation, advise the Chief Judges and Judicial Council on legislative issues, review pending legislation, and formulate a single, unified position for the Judiciary. The Committee reviews internally generated requests for new legislation and makes recommendations to the Judicial Council. The Committee will report on its initiatives and other activities, at least annually, to the Judicial Council.

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Hon. Daniel M. Long, Chair

NAME	TERM
Hon. Alexandra N. Williams, <i>Vice-Chair</i> , District Court, Baltimore Co.	January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2015
Hon. John P. Morrissey, Chief Judge, District Court	January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2016
Hon. Tiffany H. Anderson, District Court, Prince George's County	January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2015
Hon. W. Timothy Finan, Circuit Court, Allegany County	January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2016
Hon. J. Barry Hughes, Circuit Court, Carroll County	January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2015
Hon. Andrea M. Leahy, Court of Special Appeals	January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2016
Hon. Stacy A. Mayer, District Court, Baltimore County	January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2016
Hon. Timothy D. Murphy, District Court, Baltimore City	January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2015
Hon. Thomas G. Ross, Circuit Court, Queen Anne's County	January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2016
Hon. Michael J. Stamm, Circuit Court, St. Mary's County	January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2016
Hon. Patrick L. Woodward, Court of Special Appeals	January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2015

Suzanne Pelz, *Staff*

SUBCOMMITTEES

NAME: **CRIMINAL LAW SUBCOMMITTEE**

NATURE AND PURPOSE

To review legislation pertaining to criminal law during the legislative session and make recommendations to the full committee.

MEMBERSHIP

Hon. Gary E. Bair, *Chair*
Hon. Charles J. Peters
Hon. John P. Rue, II
Hon. Dana Moylan Wright

ANTICIPATED WORK PRODUCT

To review legislation pertaining to criminal law during the legislative session and make recommendations to the full committee

EXPECTED DURATION

Ninety Days (January to April)

NAME: CIVIL LAW SUBCOMMITTEE

NATURE AND PURPOSE

To review legislation pertaining to civil law during the legislative session and make recommendations to the full Committee.

MEMBERSHIP

Hon. Douglas R. M. Nazarian, *Chair*
Hon. Robin D. Gill Bright
Hon. Michael J. Finifter
Hon. Leo E. Green, Jr.

ANTICIPATED WORK PRODUCT

To review legislation pertaining to civil law during the legislative session and make recommendations to the full Committee.

EXPECTED DURATION

Ninety Days (January to April)

Additionally, when the time is right, both the issues of **judicial compensation** and **judicial elections** likely will be the Judiciary's first priority and success will require contemplation and focus. At such time, the Legislative Committee will develop the most effective plan of attack and will make a recommendation to the Council.